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## BANKS.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

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## HONGKONG.

### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

### COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1863.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGÈRE, PARIS.

### AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOULBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

### LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,

Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per Annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

## Bank.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

### CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 3 " 3 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

### NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £933,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £466,250.

RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE—39A, THEBAGNARD STREET, LONDON, E.C.

### LONDON BANKERS.—

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

## Entertainment.

### INAUGURAL CONCERT.

### NEW TEMPERANCE HALL.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

A Vocal and Instrumental CONCERT will be given in the

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL,

Fletcher's Buildings, Queen's Road, on

THURSDAY,

18th DECEMBER, at 8.30 P.M.

The proceeds to be devoted to the Finance of the Institution.

Programmes will be issued.

Tickets—Price \$1—may be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., who will also receive donations to the funds of the Hall.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879. del9

### THEATRE ROYAL,

### CITY HALL.

MISS ELOIA MAY

will give a

PERFORMANCE

for

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

On SATURDAY, 20th Dec., 1879,

being her

FAREWELL TO THE EAST,

assisted by

THE EMINENT TRAPECIAR.

MR. B. FAIRCLOUGH.

For Particulars, in future Advertisement.

DUNCAN MACALLUM,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. del30

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. BRADLEY SMITH,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. del30

## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED their Usual Assortment of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, comprising:—  
GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES. JEWELRY BOXES and SCENT CABINETS. PRINCESS STATIONERY CABINETS. VELVET WORK BAGS. WORK BOXES in Leather and Fancy Woods. CARD TRAYS and SCRAP BOOKS. VELVET PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES. STATUETTES.

Handsomely Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS comprising:—  
PICTURE GALLERY OF MODERN ART. SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED. WOODLAND ROMANCE. THE BIRD, BY JULES MICHELET. THE INSECT, BY JULES MICHELET. THE BIRD WORLD. THE EPIC OF HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and Girls. CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties. Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS. DOLLS' PORTFOLIO, completely fitted. SWIMMING and WASHING DOLLS. MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety. DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS. PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS. HORSES and CARRIAGES, WHEEL-BARROWS. DRUMS, TRUMPETS, GUNS and SWORDS.

THE PRESENT SEASON'S NOVELTIES in COSAQUES, comprising:—  
HELEN'S BABIES' CRACKERS, PICTORIAL. INCOGNITA, COMICAL and CLUB CRACKERS. BELLES OF THE SEASON, &c., &c., &c. PAINT BOXES.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and PLUM PUDDINGS. FRENCH PLUMS. BLOOM MUSCATELS. Crystallized CHOCOLATE BONBONS. CHOCOLATE in Pretty Boxes, for Presents. FRENCH BONBONS. DRAGEES. FRUITS in Noyau. JUJUBES. SMYRNA FIGS. BRAZIL NUTS. BARCELONA ALMONDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879. del2

## For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just received, specially for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, A few LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S Japanese DRESSING GOWNS, Very Richly Embroidered.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879. del7

## FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

## FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX. Quarts, \$17 per Case of 1 doz. Pints, \$18 " 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879. del80

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 18th December, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Auction Sales Room, Peddar's Wharf,—

An Invoice of TOYS, comprising:—Mechanical and Other Toys, in great variety.

Flower Pots, Painted Vases on Gilt Stands, Inkstands, Ornaments, Albums, Plated Ware, and a variety of other Articles, suitable for Holiday Gifts.

TERMS—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1879. del8

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr HENRY PRINCE TENNANT to Sign the Name of our Firm at FOOCHOW.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. del29

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will not be RESPONSIBLE for any ACCOUNTS contracted in his Name, unless a written authority, duly signed by him, be produced.

JOHN LAWRENCE,

2nd Officer, S.S. FOWAN.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. del33

## Intimations.

### VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879.

TICKETS of ADMITTANCE to the Flapship can be obtained from the SECRETARY, V. R. O.

A SUBSCRIPTION LIST is now lying at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, and intending SUBSCRIBERS are requested to Sign it.

L. B. FRIEND,

Hon. Secretary, V. R. O.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

### DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS.—No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

### TAKA'IMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., AGENTS.

FOR SALE, Large and Small COAL.

Apply at the OFFICES, No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL; or, to

THOS. G. GLOVER, East Point.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. del1

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th inst. until the 3rd Proximo, both days included.

A. NEWTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. del2

### NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED 1797.

FOR FIRE INSURANCE EXCLUSIVELY.

Head Office, Surrey Street, Norwich.

London Office, 50, Fleet Street.

CAPITAL, £1,100,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms.

BIRLEY & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1879. del9

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET."

will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1879. del37

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship "ALBANY."

Capt. F. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. del18

### FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA."

Capt. TALBOT, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 19th inst., at Noon.

No Cargo will be received after 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. del19

### SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE & LONDON VIA CANAL.

The Steamship "MERIONETHSHIRE."

RICKARD, Commander, expected here in about a fortnight, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879.

### AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamer "CRUSADER."

T. ROWIN, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 24th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879. del24

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "ANTENOR."

will be despatched on or about the 22nd inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879.



## For Sale.

## CHRISTMAS STORES.

## MacEWEN, FRICKEL &amp; Co.,

BEGET to call attention to the following New Supply of STORES, which they have Received

Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"

And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 6-lb. and 8-lb. each.  
CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.  
PURE AMERICAN CANDIES.  
PURE SCOTCH CANDIES.  
DRAGEES, ALMONDS.  
FANCY CHOCOLATES.  
MASSON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.  
NOUGATINES.  
CRYSTALLIZED METZ FRUITS.  
NEW DESIGNS IN COSAQUES.  
"CATERWATER'S" HAT BOX.

"MARQUETTE'S" JEWEL CASEKET.

"GRANDMA'S" BONNET BOX.

"EDWIN and ANGELINA."

SYRNA FIGS.  
MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS.  
JORDAN ALMONDS.  
BRAZIL NUTS.  
PECAN NUTS.  
HICKORY NUTS.  
Cooking and Table PRUNES.  
PUDDING RAISINS and CURRANTS.  
CANDIED PEEL.  
MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.  
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
CARAWAY SEEDS.  
SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA.  
AMERICAN CREAM CHEESE.  
SAP SAGE CHEESE.  
LIMBURG CHEESE.  
PINE APPLE CHEESE.  
HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.  
WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.  
GAME PIES.  
POTTED MEATS.  
Prime Yorkshire HAM.  
Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Canvas.  
Pickled OX-TONGUES.  
OX-TONGUES in JELLY.  
TRUFFLES.  
CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER.  
Cutting's Canned DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.  
CALIFORNIA CRACKER CO.'S GINGER CAKES.

MILK BISCUITS.  
ALPHABET BISCUITS.  
OYSTER BISCUITS.  
WAFER BISCUITS.  
SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES, Pils and Quarts.  
HOOK.  
SAUTERNES.  
CLARET.  
Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848.  
SACON'S Pale Dry SHERRY.  
Do. Amontillado SHERRY.  
LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE, Pils and Quarts.  
MARASCHINO DE ZARA.  
CURACAO.  
Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY.  
SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES.  
BASS'S ALE Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, Pils and Quarts.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, Pils and Quarts.

Specially Selected CIGARS.  
Princess CHEROOTS.  
Cavite CHEROOTS.  
Princess CIGARS.  
Cavite CIGARS.  
Arocoros CIGARS.  
Vegueros CIGARS.

Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes of 100.  
Choice No. 3 Melsig CHEROOTS.  
Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.  
SCIENTIFIC WORKS.  
WORKS OF REFERENCE.  
SCHOOL BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS.  
CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.  
NOVELS.  
ATLAS.  
HISTORIES.  
DICTIONARIES.

OLANDORFF'S METHOD for Learning GERMAN and SPANISH.  
DR. AHN'S METHOD for Learning GERMAN and FRENCH.

ASHER'S MODEL BOOKS OF FOREIGN COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE, GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.  
"THE CHINA HERALD" D A T E BLOCK for 1880.

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1879.

## Intimations.

YEUNG CHUN CHONG.—I was a Steward on board the *Princess Charlotte* nearly 15 Years. The Dr. (BENNETT) had shown me to make MILK PUNCH WINE, and I have followed doing the same and used Superior Materials or Stuff which is made by Dr. Bennett, which may be drunk at any time without pernicious effect. Now I wish to be established on shore.—No. 62, WELLINGTON STREET.

QUAN CHEONG.  
Hongkong, December 2, 1879. ja2

## ORIENTAL HOTEL.

MR. J. F. SHUSTER begs to announce that he carries on from this Date the above Establishment, as a FIRST-CLASS HOTEL. The House is now being THOROUGHLY RENOVATED and RE-FURNISHED. MR. SHUSTER hopes by strict attention to Business, and by supplying the Best of Liquors, to merit a share of Public Patronage. The House has AMPLIFIED ACCOMMODATION for BOARDERS, who will meet with every comfort. The Table will be of the Best and the Charges strictly Moderate. The Proprietor will be at all times ready to supply FINEST PARTIES and to provide DINNERS for PARTIES of Six and upwards on very REASONABLE TERMS.

THE BOWLING ALLEYS ARE TO BE RE-LAID.

English and American BILLIARD TABLES.

TIFFIN at ONE; DINNER at SEVEN.

WINE AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.

ORIENTAL HOTEL,

J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, November 5, 1879. 11

## LOST.

A SMALL Black and Tan TERRIER, answers to the name of "PUNCH." Small white spot on breast.  
\$5 Reward will be given.  
Address: No. 12, Praya East.  
Hongkong, November 18, 1879.

## LOST.

A PARCEL of MANILA LOTTERY TICKETS ex *Emeralda* from MANILA, November 11th, containing the following Numbers, for the December drawing:—

28 Tickets,.....No.	1,940 @	1,962
23	2,623	2,646
23	3,768	3,790
23	4,397	4,419
23	5,848	5,870
24	6,196	6,219
24	7,790	7,813
24	8,479	8,502
24	9,081	9,104
24	10,471	10,494
24	11,496	11,519

The Manila Government have been notified of the Loss, and any Prizes which may be drawn on the above Tickets will not be paid.  
The Finder will be suitably Rewarded, if necessary, by Returning the package to the Undersigned.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 29, 1879.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

PALMA, German barque, Capt. Binge.—Melchers & Co.  
HONGKONG, German 3 masted schooner, Captain Carl Oom.—Wistler & Co.  
PRIMO, German barque, Capt. Seekamp.—Simmons & Co.  
URDINE, German barque, Captain F. Kruse.—Melchers & Co.  
MOSES B. TOWER, American barkentine, Capt. C. Hall.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
ALICE REED, American barque, Capt. J. H. Kilbean.—Melchers & Co.  
ANY TURNER, American barque, Captain A. W. Newell.—Russell & Co.  
JOHN NICHOLSON, British ship, Capt. T. B. P. Campbell.—Messageries Maritimes.  
LAUREL, British barque, Capt. Johnson.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
MIDDLESEX, British barque, Captain A. Walsh.—Borneo Company.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY.  
The Steamship "DIAMANTE," Capt. THEBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 17th Inst., at 2 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1879. del7

## FOR HOIHOW AND PAKHOL.

The Steamship "HAINAN," Captain CONNOR, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th Inst., at 9 a.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1879. del8

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
The Company's Steamship "PATROCLUS," Capt. M. R. WHITE, will be despatched on the 18th Inst., at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1879. del8

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCOW.

The Steamship "NAHOA," Capt. WATSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 21st Inst., at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1879. del21

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR LONDON.  
The A 1 British Bark "WINLOW," BAKER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1879.

## J. NOBLE, JEWELLER &amp; WATCHMAKER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED A FINE SELECTION of GOLD and SILVER JEWELLERY, in the Newest Designs.  
MORPHEUS GOLD and SILVER PEN and PENCIL CASES, SILVER CUPS, And many NOVELTIES, Suitable for Christmas and New Year's Presents.  
2, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1879. del30

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Dec. 16, *Diamante*, British steamer, 514, E. Thebaud, Manila Dec. 18, General.—Russell & Co.  
Dec. 16, *Hainan*, American steamer, 281, J. W. Conner, Pakhoi Dec. 12, and Holhow, General.—Russell & Co.  
Dec. 16, *Alden Besse*, American barque, 842, A. Noyes, Portland Oct. 20, via Honolulu, Lumber Spars.—ROZARIO & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Dec. 16, *Yotting*, for Swatow.  
16, *Kwangtung*, for Coast Ports.  
16, *Kaiser-i Hind*, for Shanghai.  
16, *Yangtze*, for Shanghai.  
16, *Hwai Yuen*, for Shanghai.  
16, *Arratoon Apear*, for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.  
16, *Moray*, for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.  
16, *Gordon Castle*, for Shanghai.

## CLEARED.

Oberon, for New York.  
Scindia, for Singapore, &c.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per *Diamante*, from Manila, Mr and Mrs Stevenson, 8 children and 2 servants, Messrs J. Cabredo and T. W. Wright, and 91 Chinese deck.  
Per *Hainan*, from Holhow, &c., 51 Chinese.  
Per *Alden Besse*, from Portland, &c., 342 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Kwangtung*, for Swatow, Mr F. A. Gardner (2nd Officer of *Fai-hoo*).  
Per *Kaiser-i Hind*, for Shanghai: from Hongkong, Mrs Bounoud, Messrs E. Fonseca and Lyons, and 7 Chinese; from Southampton, Rev. Mr Shaun and Mrs Shaun, Mrs Holliday, Mr Robertson, and Mrs Pugh's two amala; from Bombay, Mr and Mrs Ezekiel and infant, and Mr J. Nathan; from Port Said, Mr Sommerlick; from Brindisi, Mr Le Marehand.  
Per *Yangtze*, for Shanghai, Mr Davis.  
Per *Arratoon Apear*, for Singapore, &c., Mr and Mrs Baldwin and children, Mr and Mrs Melita and children, Mrs Mody and children, Messrs N. Sorabjee, S. Reuben, H. O. Denne, Hedge, E. H. Williams, and 400 Chinese.  
Per *Moray*, for Singapore, &c., Mr Chee Kee and family, and 2 Indian.  
Per *Gordon Castle*, for Shanghai, Messrs Housefield and Ritchie from London.  
Per *Yotting*, for Swatow, 180 Chinese.  
Per *Hwai Yuen*, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Diamante* reports: Had N.E. monsoon and fine weather throughout.  
The American steamer *Hainan* reports: First part strong N.E. gale, latter part fine weather.  
The American barque *Alden Besse* reports: Light winds all the passage.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

## MAILS will close:—

FOR YOKOHAMA.—  
Per *Sunda*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 17th inst.  
FOR FOOCOW.—  
Per *Peronia*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.  
FOR NEW YORK.—  
Per ship *Emerald Isle*, at noon To-morrow, the 17th inst.  
FOR AMOY.—  
Per *Diamante*, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.  
FOR AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN.—  
Per *Albay*, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 17th inst.  
FOR STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ, AND LONDON.—  
Per *Patroclus*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 18th inst.  
FOR MANILA.—  
Per *Esmeralda*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 19th inst.  
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCOW.—  
Per *Namoa*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 20th inst.  
FOR HIOGO, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGASAKI.—  
Per *Takasago Maru*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 26th inst.

## HOURS FOR CLOSING THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Day of Departure.—  
5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes till 8 p.m., except the *Nagao* Box, which is always open out of Office hours.  
8 P.M.—Post Office opens.  
9 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
10 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.  
10.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until 10.30 p.m.—when the Post Office closes entirely.  
10.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

2 p.m.—*Diamante* leaves for Amoy.  
11 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

## Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Preservance Lodge.

## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, December 18:—  
Daylight.—*Albay* leaves for Amoy, &c.  
9 a.m.—*Hainan* leaves for Holhow, &c.  
2 p.m.—Auction of Toys, &c., at Mr G. R. Lammer's Sales Rooms.  
4 p.m.—*Patroclus* leaves for London.  
Goods per *Anadyr* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.  
8.30 p.m.—Inaugural Concert at New Temperance Hall.

## FRIDAY, December 19:—

Noon.—*Esmeralda* leaves for Manila.  
Goods per *Gordon Castle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

## SATURDAY, December 20:—

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 31st Instant, inclusive.  
Transfer Books of the H. K. & C. Gas Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 31st Proximo, inclusive.  
9 p.m.—*Elclai* may be City Hall.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618 S.O.

## SUNDAY, December 21:—

Daylight.—*Namoa* leaves for Coast Ports.

## WEDNESDAY, December 24:—

3 p.m.—*American Mail* leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.  
French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.  
Cruiser leaves for Port Darwin, Cooktown, &c., on or about this date.

## SATURDAY, December 27:—

Daylight.—*Mitsu Bishi* Mail leaves for Yokohama via Kobe.  
Noon.—*Somerset* leaves for Singapore, Brisbane, &c.

## WEDNESDAY, January 14:—

3 p.m.—*Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s* Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 16, 1879.

WHAT may now be called the Mosby

leaves seems likely to exercise a fair amount of influence in the purification of the hitherto unworkable lump of American Consular representation in the Far East. Some of our readers who fail to realize the extent to which the reputation of the United States, and with it the foreign name generally, has suffered from the dishonesty of U. S. representatives here and elsewhere, are of opinion that we have given too great prominence to this subject. A glance through our American files would speedily satisfy any one interested as to the amount of attention now being drawn to these matters in the States; and as all right-minded men must be delighted that so ugly a blot is in a fair way of being removed, the question is one which is full of interest to all foreigners resident in China.

The exposure of a widespread system of official fraud is neither an easy nor an inviting task, and it is therefore due to Colonel Mosby, the U. S. Consul at this port, to say that he is a brave as well as an honest man. He has lately been the butt of many a wicked joke and of not a few venomous attacks. He has been looked upon as a man who has so entirely sacrificed his official position and broken the traditional rules of office regarding predecessors, as to render himself unworthy to remain in his country's service. His recall has been spoken of as a certainty. All this, however, has been duly calculated upon; and somehow the Confederate cavalry man continues to keep an easy seat. There can be no question that the Colonel has opened a veritable Pandora's box touching the conduct of the representatives of his Government in this part of the world; but it must be admitted that in so doing he has shed a halo of official honesty around the American name of which it stood sadly in need, and which (if the State Department will but do its duty) it ought never again to lose. He has done a service not only to his country, but also to American Commerce and to foreign nations generally in the East. In recording, therefore, as we promised to do, the progress of this movement, we are merely carrying out a clearly-defined duty. When last noticing this matter, we quoted certain opinions from American journals to the effect that the State Department at Washington might strain public feeling too far by further inaction or by continued support of what is known as the Seward con-

nection. If we can believe what appears in the papers to hand by the last mail, a most powerful witness, on behalf of Mosby and official honesty has turned up in the person of General Grant. Some idea may be formed on this point by the subjoined cutting taken from the *Boston Post*:—

If Gen. Grant should be again elected to the presidency, it is certain that at least one good result would follow. He would clear out the gang of scoundrels who have disgraced the name of the United States in China, and who have been kept in office by Secretary Evarts in spite of the plainest exposure of their guilt. A correspondent of a Chicago paper reports the following conversation with Grant, while travelling on the Pacific Railroad. He was asked whether Mosby's charges of corruption in the consulate at Hongkong were true, and he replied, with emphasis: "Yes, they are; and not only true there, but in some other places in the East. In fact, we have very few men there who ought to be allowed to remain, and very few in Europe who should be recalled." He then went on to show in detail how peculations in the Hongkong consulate were carried on, and how this corruption was responsible for much of the Chinese emigration, because the consuls were so greedy for the fees that they did not carefully administer the oath regarding voluntary emigration required by law. The scandal connected with our official representation in China is certainly a most serious blot upon the administration of President Hayes, and if Mr. Evarts is disposed to allow it to continue, Mr. Hayes should take the matter into his own hands and remove Seward, Bailey, and all the dishonest officials, before Congress meets.

Whether or not there can be any connection between this expression of opinion and the resignation of Mr. F. W. Seward, Assistant Secretary of State, we cannot pretend to say; but that the resignation of the Assistant Secretary has something to do with the scandal above referred to, there can be very little doubt. It is only to be regretted that this influence has been exerted so long and for purposes so unworthy of its great original. The incident is a curious commentary upon the rumours that formerly put currency as to Mosby's recall.

It is more than probable that the report forwarded by Consul Julius Stahl, after an official investigation into the proofs of the charges advanced by Mr. Mosby, has had a powerful effect upon opinion in America, as General Stahl, besides being the chosen agent of the State Department, is a man whose reputation for honesty and fairness would carry great weight. The New York *Sun*, which comments pretty plainly upon the whole of this humiliating business, says:—

Finally he (Mr. Evarts) was forced by public opinion to investigate the charges, and Julius Stahl, Consul at Osaka and Hiogo, Japan, was detailed for this special service. His report confirms the statements of Mosby substantially, in every material respect; and although Bailey was allowed the exceptional privilege of a personal conference with Stahl after the investigation, in order that his explanation might accompany the report, the main facts are not denied, and the attempt to impair their force is an utter failure.

It thus appears that Seward, as Consul at Shanghai, and Bailey, as Consul at Hongkong, pursued a similar course of plunder for years. Each knew the methods of the other, and there was a tacit understanding between them for mutual protection. They organised in China a ring which proved injurious to commerce, and exercised arbitrary authority by a system of extortion which seems almost incredible, now that it has been uncovered. Complaint at the Department was useless, for no matter who made it, or what might be its nature, the Consuls were invariably sustained. Consequently merchants, shipmasters, and sailors stopped complaining, and submitted to imposition and outrage rather than incur the expense of going to Washington to get a cold shoulder.

## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

## THE ENGLISH ARMY TO BE REDUCED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.  
The *Times* in a leading article states that the Army is to be reduced.

## GERMANY RESUMING SILVER SALES DENIED.

The report that the German Government is about to resume Silver sales is authoritatively denied.

## RESIGNATION OF THE SPANISH MINISTRY.

THE CUBAN REFORMS QUESTION.  
The Spanish Ministry has resigned and a new Ministry has been formed to carry out Cuban reforms.

## THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF THE Czar.

ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE NIBILISTS.  
The Nihilists have acknowledged the attempt to assassinate the Emperor of Russia.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE German barque *Maria Apenrade*, from Swatow, is reported as arrived at Hoilo.

THE German barque *Conrad Henrik* arrived at Manila on the 12th, 6 days from Shanghai.

THE British Barque *Glengairn* arrived at Manila on the 12th, 45 days from Newcastle.

WE learn that the *Mitsu Bishi* steamer *Takasago Maru* left Kobe at 4 a.m. this morning (16th).

THE German barque *Ingeburg*, Captain Hansen, arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 9th inst., 3 days out.

THE American barque *Bella of Oregon* arrived at Manila on the 11th instant, 6 days from Hongkong; she will leave for Cebu on the 13th, and thence to London.

THE last eleven paragraphs under this heading in last night's paper should have been acknowledged as from the *L. & O. Express* of the 7th ult. The line was lifted out by mistake.

THE appeal in the case brought against Mr. John Pitman by the agents of the *Galley of Torne* has been sustained, the decision of the lower Court being reversed, and entered against the plaintiffs, who have also to pay the costs of the appeal and the costs of the original suit.

OUR news from Manila mention a sad calamity which has befallen that Colony. The Spanish gunboat *Mercedes* was seen to founder in the late typhoon, with all hands on board, numbering fifty souls. She had left Mindoro, and was caught in the worst part of the storm, her disappearance having been seen by those on board of a sailing vessel that arrived in Manila on the 13th with the sad news. The Captain of the *Mercedes* had been but recently married, and had his wife on board. Several of the native crew had also their wives on board, and the distress felt at the terrible accident may therefore be imagined. Further particulars of this sad affair will doubtless come to hand by the next steamer.

A SERIOUS accident occurred yesterday afternoon at Stonecutters' Island, by which three men of the Royal Artillery were more or less seriously injured. Some big guns, 64-pounders, were being removed from Stonecutters' Island back to the Arsenal by a party of gun lascars, Chinese coolies &c. The gun had been swung on to what is called a swing wagon, and it was being brought down a steep declivity. Instead of the ordinary precaution being taken that the safety alike of the men and of the material they were removing or working with should be provided for by the whole force being kept behind or by the side of the wagon; having power over its progress by means of ropes attached to the same, the officer in charge of the party put some men in the shafts. The wagon gathered way and ran down the hill, getting completely beyond their control and creating great damage. Three European soldiers were more or less hurt, one had his collar bone broken, one his knee cap or caps displaced and another got his ribs broken. The wagon, which would cost some £300 or £400 to build, is completely smashed up. The only streak of good luck in the whole matter is that the gun itself did not go over the precipice, as it would assuredly have been buried had this happened. There would appear to have been somewhere gross ignorance or carelessness or both, to produce such an accident as this, and no doubt a searching inquiry will be made.

THIS evening the 'English' and 'Irish' rowed over the course at Kowloon. The 'Irish' steered by Mr. Blogg, were coached from a launch by Captain Geary. Two crews of Royal Artillerymen were pitted against them. One had a start of 20 seconds and the other of 13 seconds. About two thirds of the course was compassed before the Hibernians challenged the first starting crew. These they easily shook off, and then ensued a first-class race with Sergeant Framingham's crew. The Irish slowly crept up, but a launch full of Celest



avall themselves of the boat, and her master, Captain R. Downe, an old and experienced hand on the coast, and three of the native sailors were drowned, while seven of the others managed to keep afloat on parts of the wreckage until they were picked up by fishing boats, or drifted ashore. The *Lorcha* is a total wreck; she was not insured.

Our Overland Edition for to-morrow's mail will be ready for subscribers at noon to-morrow. It will contain:

Editorial Articles.—Lord Carnarvon and Mr. Pope Hennessy, The 'Steamer-owners' Combination, The Judges on Unfettered Reporting, A Vicious System in Summary Cases, Mr. Hennessy on the School Question.

General Articles.—A Tragedy in the Harbour, Recent Rowing, Legislative Council, Rowing Prospects, German Founding Hospital, The Temperance Hall, Confucius and Carlyle, Lord Carnarvon's Views on Mr. Pope Hennessy's Policy, The Governorship of Queensland, The Fatal Collision between the S.S. *Amoy* and a Junk, The Waverley Ball at Shanghai, Supreme Court, Police Intelligence, Cricket, Distressing Occurrence at Woeung, Canton, Manila, Latest Reuters Telegrams, Opium Report, Commercial Summary, Max. O'Leary on Local Topics, Correspondence, Miscellaneous, Shipping Intelligence.

Among the arrivals at Yokohama by the *City of Peking*, are the following ladies and gentlemen who are on a tour round the world and who will shortly visit this port:—Mr. Howard G. White and wife, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. R. L. S. Hall, formerly of New York City, and for several years a resident of San Francisco. These parties are cousins to the present United States Minister, A. D. White, to Berlin, and propose to meet their relative during their tour, which will include India and continue through the Suez Canal, entering Europe by the Brindisi route and then by the Italian lake to Berlin. They will be absent from home from one to two years.

Professor Nordenskjöld continues his triumphal march homewards. At Singapore he has been received with distinguished consideration. The *Times* of that port says:—

As some remarks have been made upon the circumstance that Professor Nordenskjöld and Captain Palander of the *Ve. a* are not the guests of the Administrator we may state—though we have no authority for doing so—that the cause is apparent. General Anson, whose hospitality and that of his family is proverbial, is still very unwell, hence the kindly portals of Government House are closed for the present. Professor Nordenskjöld and Captain Palander will, we hear be entertained at a dinner in the Club on Wednesday evening, and of course both the eminent men will be prominent figures at the St. Andrew's Day Ball on Tuesday. So that Singapore is doing its most—with the small materials at command—to show respect to our distinguished visitors.

The *New York Herald's* Washington Correspondent, wires the following, Nov. 10:—

Advices were received at Washington by the last mail, reporting that the Chinese Government has sent a very satisfactory letter to Japan in reference to the Loo Choo question. This is in response to a letter submitted by General Grant to Prince Kung, giving his idea of what the terms of arbitration should be. This letter has not been made public, but the news from Japan indicates that the arbitration of Grant has averted a war, and brought about hopes of a peaceful arrangement between the two countries.

The Hamburg correspondent of the *L. & C. Express* has the following sensible little paragraph in his letter of date Nov. 4th:—

A sort of schism is at present prevailing in our population, in consequence of a little book, written by one of our most prominent judges, and which pleads in favour of a re-introduction of punishing culprits by flogging, instead of imprisoning them. The fact is that of late prisoners in Germany were far better off than many a poor labourer, who hardly could bring his family through, whilst convicts lived like gentlemen, at the public expense. The consequence was an overflowing of the gaols, especially here at Hamburg, which had become a very heavy burden to our little Republic, which ever since has been regarded as the universal refuge of all sorts of vagabonds. The better classes, and most of the judges, are in favour of a re-introduction of flogging.

We are glad to record the golden opinions gained by the gallant 74th Highlanders at Singapore. Our contemporary at that port writes:—

If loud and hearty cheers are a criterion of gratitude the popular Highlanders may be assured that Singaporeans fully appreciate their kindness. After the Band had got through their Programme, on the Esplanade, on Saturday night, loud and long was the applause, and the cries for "another cheer for the Highlanders" were quickly responded to. An enthusiastic crowd seldom seen in Singapore thronged the Esplanade to hear the Band and Pipers, and it did all in its power to speed "the parting guests" who have ever been obliging. We believe it is intended to present the Band with some little souvenir as a mark of the appreciation of the general community. What shape it will take has not yet been decided upon.

The P. and O. steamer *Peshawar*, which arrived in Shanghai on the 9th instant, reports that at 9.30 a.m. on the 8th inst. he fell in with a Ningpo fishing boat with the rudder gone and otherwise so damaged as to be in a helpless condition, and he took off her crew, consisting of six persons, and brought them up to Shanghai.—*News*.

Our morning contemporary has "reason to know that His Excellency the Governor recommended that the office of Treasurer should be given to the late Senior Police Magistrate Mr. May," and has now much pleasure in announcing that when the present Acting Attorney-General, the Hon. James Russell, resumes his seat at the Magistracy as Senior Magistrate he will be appointed by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach to be Colonial Treasurer. This will secure to the Government Mr. Russell's valuable services as a member of the Legislative Council.

The *New York Tribune* states that Mr. Chun Shen Yin, of the Chinese Embassy at Washington, is shortly to take the position of Chinese Consul at Havana. He is an accomplished man, and speaks English easily and gracefully. Mr. Yin was a well-known resident of Hongkong.

The following from the *Alta Californica* is pretty plain talk:—

Advices from China present the American diplomatic service in that country in a very unpleasant light. When Minister Seward is not at his post, Rev. Christmas Holcombe, a very light-waisted diplomatist, is on deck; and when both these are absent, a Burmese, who used to be a waiter in a Shanghai restaurant, disports himself as *Chargé d'Affaires*. It is nothing new for our diplomatic service to be an object of ridicule to the effete despots of Europe; but it is a little too bad to have the Chinese laughing at us.

Mr. W. H. Read, Consul General for the Netherlands at Singapore, writes as follows to the *Singapore Daily Times*:—

That the Editor of the *Hongkong Daily Press* should be ignorant of the political geography of these parts might be excused, but why you should propagate his mistakes in your columns is inconceivable! The *Hongkong* paper asserts: "as our readers are doubtless well aware, the Dutch have no Settlement in either Borneo or New Guinea, but claim territory in both by right of discovery."

Now considering the by no means small trade carried on between this place and Borneo, an Editor of a Singapore paper might, one would suppose, have heard of such places as Sambas, Pontianak, Banjar-massin and Cotei, on the mainland of Borneo, not to speak of various other places in the Archipelago up to New Guinea. The rights and claims of the Dutch in those parts have never, allow me to observe, "been suffered to drop out of sight," nor have they "been for years practically in abeyance," notwithstanding the assertion of the *Hongkong Daily Press* endorsed by the *Singapore Daily Times*.

To this letter the Editor of the *Singapore Times* adds this explanatory note:—"We simply quoted the paragraph from the *Hongkong Daily Press*, without comment. The insinuation of our endorsement of it just because we reproduced it therefore, goes for naught."

#### SUICIDE OF A CHINAMAN.

An Inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon, before the Coroner, O. V. Cragh, Esq., and the following gentlemen as a Jury:—Messrs John Robinson, Henry Crawford and Miguel de Souza, on the body of one Ohng Awa.

Dr. Wharry, Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, stated, the body of deceased was brought in about 8.30 a.m. to-day. It was that of a Chinese male, well nourished, about 50 years of age and only recently dead. There was a cord round the neck which left a mark on being removed. The tongue was protruding somewhat between the teeth, and death appeared to have resulted from strangulation.

The Aing, a rice pounder, who lived in the same house with deceased, proved finding the body hanging by the neck from a beam in the cook room about 6 o'clock this morning. A stool was lying on the floor near where deceased was standing. Deceased was very poor and had been out of employment for some time. Witness had often heard him complain that owing to his age he was unable to get work, but he had never heard him threaten to destroy himself. The matter was reported to the police and the body removed to the hospital.

Other coolies residing in the same house gave corroborative evidence. P. C. Grimble, who had the body removed, described the position in which he found the stool, three or four inches from the feet of deceased.

After consultation, the jury returned a verdict of *fel-de-se*.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

Tuesday, Dec. 16th.

DRUNK AND REFUSING TO PAY CHAIR HIRE. Peter Gonçalves, 25, seaman unemployed, was charged with being drunk and refusing to pay chair hire on the 15th instant. Fined \$1, and to pay 60 cents amends to the chair coolie, in default three days' imprisonment.

INFREINGEMENT OF THE SLAUGHTER-HOUSE ORDINANCE.

Wat Awa, 58, a sheep dealer, and Tsang Afu, 69, mutton vendor, appeared, charged with slaughtering and dressing sheep at a house in Tai-fu Kai Lane, Wanchoi, contrary to Section 21, of Ordinance No. 9 of 1878, on the 12th instant.

Mr. G. Orley, Inspector of Markets, stated that at 2 o'clock on the morning in question he went to the first defendant's house and found him dressing some sheep which had been recently killed. There were tubs with blood in them. The place is a sheep lan, but not a registered slaughter-house. There were over fifty sheep on the premises. There is only one registered slaughter-house in the Colony. The licensed slaughterer pays \$1900 a month for the privilege and keeps a regular staff of butchers, and persons having cattle slaughtered there pay regulated fees. He had known both defendants for years and they were both well acquainted with the law. They said the sheep were slaughtered in that house on account of the distance to the Slaughter House, 3 or 4 miles. The operation was going on in the upper floor of a dwelling house. He believed that as many as 5 or 6 were slaughtered every day.

The first defendant said that at Christmas time there is a great demand for mutton, and as some of his men had gone to Canton, he had therefore to kill the sheep himself and on this occasion he made use of his own premises. The second defendant was his clerk.

His Worship ordered the second defendant to be discharged, the first to pay a fine of \$50.

#### KEEPING A DISORDERLY HOUSE.

Farah Rolston, appeared on a summons charged with keeping a disorderly house at East Point, and was ordered to enter into her own recognisance in the sum of \$50, to be of good behaviour for three months.

#### SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Hon. the Acting Puisne Judge, J. J. Francis Esq.)

Tuesday, Dec. 16.

MARKS v. FALCONER and ORS., \$100.—In this case, Marks, assistant to Messrs Falconer & Co., sued them for \$100 being money in their hands, withheld from his salary, wrongfully as he alleged.

Mr. Denny, who appeared for the plaintiff, said that since the summons in this case was taken out plaintiff had received a letter of dismissal from his employers. In reply to that letter he had written to say that Messrs Falconer & Co. had broken their contract altogether with him and would be sued for heavy damages were the letter of dismissal not withdrawn. To that letter no answer had been sent, and until that matter was settled and that letter was withdrawn it would be useless, perhaps, to go into the present case. His Lordship would hardly understand what the claim really was, what the \$100 was claimed for, the plaintiff having taken the summons out personally. The sum of \$390 was detained by the defendants from the salary of the plaintiff for his passage money, while according to his way of it only \$250 ought to be detained. He had taken out, himself, the summons for this \$100, which he believed he had the right to withdraw from their hands for use. He (Mr. Denny) suggested that this case might be allowed to lie over until the other matter had been settled. His Honor asked whether a fortnight would be sufficient.

Mr. Denny explained that the sum claimed for breach of contract would be very large if the matter was not amicably arranged.

The Judge asked if anybody represented Messrs Falconer & Co.

Mr. Denny: I see Mr. Ross here.

The Judge: Has Mr. Ross any objection?

Mr. Ross had no objection.

The case was adjourned for 14 days, with permission to either party to set it down at 24 hours' notice.

#### LAW REPORT.

THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION v. JUSTICE LEMBE.

(Before Sir Barnes Peacock, Sir Montague E. Smith, Sir Henry S. Keating, Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.)

The judgment given by the Court in this appeal on the 22nd July was as follows: the full text has only reached the Colony by the present mail.

This is an appeal from a decree of the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its appellate jurisdiction, dated the 21st April 1877, in a suit in which the present Respondent was the Plaintiff, and the present Appellants were the Defendants, by which it was ordered and decreed that a certain appeal which had been brought by the Appellants against a decree or order of the said Court in its original jurisdiction, dated the 12th January previous, should stand dismissed. By the said order of the Court in its original jurisdiction the Appellants were ordered and decreed within seven days after service of the said decree to pay to the Respondent the sum of 775*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.* with interest thereon, calculated at the rate of ten per cent. from the 30th of June 1876 up to the date of payment, and also the costs of the suit.

The Appellants were a banking company carrying on business at Hongkong, and also in London, and elsewhere; and the Respondent was a merchant and commission agent, also carrying on business at Hongkong, under the style and firm of Justice Lembede and Co. The Respondent had for some time previously been in the habit of sending produce home to the consignments of a firm in London called J. C. Im Thurn and Co.; and in the year 1874 he received from Messrs Im Thurn and Co. a letter of credit dated the 26th of February in that year, the terms of which are as follows: "We beg to confirm to you a credit of 5,000*l.* We say five thousand pounds sterling to be availed of against consignments of produce to our address in your drafts at six months sight, representing up to 85 per cent. real invoice value. Shipping documents to accompany advice of drafts and insurance covered by our open policy. And we agreed with you, the endorsers and *bond fide* holders of all bills issued under this letter of credit, that the same shall be duly honoured on presentation and paid at maturity." After the receipt of that letter of credit, namely, on the 30th of July 1874, the Respondent drew a bill of exchange of that date upon Messrs Im Thurn and Co. In the following terms: "Hongkong, 30th July 1874. At six months after sight of this first of exchange, second and third of the same tenor and date not paid, pay to the order of myself the sum of five hundred and twenty-five pounds sterling value received, and place the same to account of your letter of credit dated 26/2/74 at shipment T. No. 2, 1 case musk per P. and O. S.s. 'Malwa'—J. Lembede.—To Messrs J. C. Im Thurn and Co., London." The bill was drawn by Respondent expressly on the terms of the letter of credit referred to. He subsequently drew another bill on the 14th August 1874 in the same terms for the sum of 380*l.* sterling value received, and the terms being the same, and the circumstances connected with the two bills the same, they form together the transaction which gave rise to the suit between the parties.

The first bill of exchange on the day of its date was taken for discount to the Appellants at their bank in Hongkong, and was left at the bank, together with the letter of credit and a bill of lading of the consignment of musk against which the bill had been drawn; and on the same day a memorandum was sent by the Appellants to the Respondent in the following terms: "In connection with your drafts 525*l.* We require insurance letters and L. Hypothecation, forms for which, in duplicate, we herewith forward to be filled up signed and returned, when we will pass proceeds to your credit and return letters of credit in due course."

On receiving that memorandum, the Respondent signed the letter of hypothecation which was sent to him, prepared by the Appellants, and returned it to them. The effect of that letter of hypothecation has formed the subject of much discussion in the argument upon the present occasion. It was addressed to the Oriental Bank Corporation, and as far as is material is in these terms: "Having this day negotiated to you one bill of exchange drawn by me on Messrs J. C. Im Thurn & Co. of London, the particulars of which are noted at foot, and having at the same time handed to you as collateral securities for the due payment of the said bills the bills of lading and ship-

ping documents of the several goods also stated at foot, my agreement is understood to be as follows: I authorise the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any manager or agent thereof, (but not so as to make it imperative) to insure the above goods from sea risks including loss by capture, &c." This first clause relates to insurance and what was to happen in case of loss. The next clause is: "I also hereby authorise the said Corporation, and the holders of the above bills for the time being, to take conditional acceptances to all or any of such bills, to the effect that on payment thereof at maturity the above-mentioned bills of lading and shipping documents shall be delivered to the drawers or acceptors thereof, and such authorisation on my part shall be taken to extend to cases of acceptance for honour." Then a further clause is: "I further authorise the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any manager or agent thereof, on default being made in acceptance or presentment, or in payment at maturity of any of the above bills, to sell the said goods or a competent part thereof, and to apply the net proceeds (after deducting usual commission and charges) in payment of such bills with re-exchanges and charges, the balance (if any) to be placed against any other of my bills which may at the time be in the hands of the said Corporation, and, subject thereto, to be accounted for to the proper parties." Evidently showing that this document in all its parts was intended for the benefit of the Banking Corporation and for their additional security. Then it goes on: "I further authorise the said Corporation, or the holders of the said bills for the time being, at any time before their maturity, to accept payment from the drawers or acceptors thereof if required so to do, and, on payment, to deliver the said bills of lading and shipping documents to such drawers or acceptors; and in that event the said Corporation or the holders of said bills are to allow a discount thereon for the time they may have to run at the Bank of England minimum rate of the day if taken up in London, or if in India, Ceylon, China, Japan, Mauritius, or Australia, at the current rate of discount of the day," &c. Then, "Lastly, it is mutually agreed that the delivery of said collateral securities to your Corporation shall not prejudice your rights on said bills in case of dishonour, nor shall any recourse taken thereon affect the title of the Corporation to said securities to the extent of my liability to your Corporation as above." That document is signed by the Respondent alone, and there is a schedule describing the particulars of the bills.

Now their Lordships would point out that in the first place the bill of exchange, of which mention is made in that letter of hypothecation, is in terms a bill of exchange drawn expressly with reference to the letter of credit dated the 26th February 1874. It is a bill of exchange drawn in pursuance of the terms of that letter of credit, and was endorsed upon it at the time the letter of hypothecation was given as part of one and the same transaction. What passed at the time appears on the case of the Respondent; it is there stated in paragraph 7: "At the same time that the Respondent signed the said letter of hypothecation he endorsed the said bill of exchange to the Appellants; and the Appellants, on the receipt of the said bill and letter of hypothecation, endorsed a notice of the drafts against the credit on the said letter of credit and returned it to the Respondent, and the Respondent received the value of the bill of exchange in account with the Appellants." The letter of credit therefore is clearly connected with the letter of hypothecation; and it seems to their Lordships perfectly plain that the letter of hypothecation was intended by both the parties to be merely an additional security to the Bank, giving them an option to do the various acts specified in that letter of credit, if they thought fit to do so, but in no way getting rid of the letter of credit or disconnecting it from the transaction. The learned Counsel argued that the letter of credit was, as it were, put aside, and the letter of hypothecation substituted for it; but it appears to their Lordships plain that those two documents should stand together, and further that they are by no means inconsistent the one with the other. Indeed, when looked at in the plain and mercantile sense, they appear to be perfectly consistent and quite natural. Here were parties living at Hongkong having correspondents in London. The Respondent has a letter of credit authorising him to draw within a certain limit upon his correspondent in London, but against shipping documents. Wishing to negotiate the bill with the Appellants, he takes the bill to the Appellants, also residing in Hongkong having their correspondents in London, and proposes to them in the first instance to negotiate the bill simply upon the letter of credit. Now, had the negotiation taken place upon the letter of credit, the course pursued would have been precisely that of which alone in the present suit the Respondent complains; because, according to the course of things indicated by that letter of credit, the delivery of the shipping documents would in pursuance of it have taken place at the time of the acceptance by Im Thurn & Co. in London, of the bill of exchange, and their Lordships see no reason to suppose that the Appellants intended to do anything else than to increase their security by obtaining the letter of hypothecation. Taking into account the distance of Hongkong from London, the Appellants might naturally desire to have the letter of hypothecation, giving them a control over the goods, and allowing them to take those proceedings at their option which might become necessary in events not impossible to happen. In other words, the object of it was to give them power to act according to circumstances.

The Appellants accordingly discounted this bill, and paid over the amount of it to the Respondent. They forwarded the documents to London; and upon that day, the 30th July, 1874, the Respondent communicated with Im Thurn & Co., his correspondents in London, and amongst other things, in that communication he alludes to this bill of exchange, and says: "Against the above consignment I have this day taken the liberty of drawing upon your esteemed firm, under your credit of February 1874, bill No. 1/58, 525*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* own order, which draft I commend to your kind protection. The bill is in the hands of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and documents, namely, bills of lading, abstract of invoice, letter of hypothecation, and insurance letter, are attached thereto; the draft was sold documents against payment." Meaning no doubt, that the Oriental Bank Corporation had the power to hold the documents as against payment. Then he continues: "I believe however that your

esteemed firm may also obtain the documents against acceptance only."

The belief that he so expressed in the letter coincided with what took place, because the Oriental Bank Corporation in London, probably satisfied of the spot with the solvency of Im Thurn & Co., took their acceptance of the bill and handed over to them the shipping documents. In other words, they gave up the option secured to them by the letter of hypothecation, and proceeded as they would have proceeded had there been no such letter. Having done so, the transactions between the parties continued for some time; Im Thurn & Co., having obtained the shipping documents, sold the goods, and sent to their correspondent, the Respondent; but unfortunately they failed before the bill became payable. The bill having been dishonoured at maturity, the Respondent was called upon by the bank to take it up, which he did under protest, contending that he had been discharged by the bank's having given up the shipping documents before payment of the bill. Thereupon he instituted a suit against the appellants in order to recover the amount which he had paid to them under protest.

The case first came before the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court, sitting in its original jurisdiction, and the trial took place, without the intervention of a jury. In truth, all throughout this case there has been no dispute about the facts, but the Respondent called certain commission agents, merchants, and bank managers to give their opinions as to what was the duty incumbent upon the present appellants, having received the letter of hypothecation as well as the letter of credit. Their opinions are not given in a very clear manner, and it is not at all necessary to consider the effect of their evidence, if evidence it can be called. Whether it could have been admitted if it had been objected to, or whether it was open to the observation of Mr. Justice Snowden, who afterwards expressed the opinion that it was not admissible at all, it is also unnecessary to consider, because whatever the effect of this evidence may be, or with whatever object it may have been adduced, it cannot control the construction of the written documents. It does not seem to their Lordships that there is any doubt or ambiguity that could give rise to the admissibility of any such evidence. The documents seem themselves to be perfectly clear, the simple question appearing to be whether the present appellants were bound to hold over the shipping documents under the circumstances, or whether they had a right, if they pleased, to hand them over as they did to obtain the acceptance of Im Thurn & Co. Their Lordships see no reason to doubt that according to the true construction of the letter of hypothecation, taken together with the letter of credit, and the form in which the bills were drawn, the appellants, notwithstanding they had the option of withholding the documents, were justified, if they pleased, in taking the course which they adopted.

The Chief Justice, upon the hearing of the suit, seems to have taken the same view of the written documents as that now expressed by their Lordships; but having admitted the evidence of witnesses as to the duty of the bank, he seems to have thought himself controlled by their opinion. Perhaps it would have been better had he adhered to the opinion which he had at first formed, and which appears to have coincided with that which their Lordships entertain, and which was also entertained by Mr. Justice Snowden in the Court below when the case came before it in its appellate jurisdiction.

Under these circumstances their Lordships will humbly advise Her Majesty that this appeal be allowed, that the decrees below be reversed, and that judgment be entered for the defendants, with costs in both the Lower Courts; their Lordships are also of opinion that the appellants should receive the costs of this appeal.

#### Manila.

(Translated from *Exchanges*.)

News from Leyte, with regard to the late destructive typhoon, says that the schooner *Union*, anchored off the south coast of Samar, dragged her anchor, and was cast on a reef, from whence it is doubtful if she can be got off; the schooner *Caridad* was lost in Carigara with all on board, including the Captain; the barque *Conchita* was stranded on shore; the schooner *Liberad* was much damaged. On shore, very few houses remained standing; and the general loss is yet unknown, until news from other villages are received.

A very promising harvest of paddy and sugar-cane is expected this year in the island of Negros; but an invasion of rats has destroyed a valuable portion of the green paddy.

The *Diamonds* arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 9th inst., with \$3,000 in silver.

The 7th and 8th December were kept at Manila as gala days, owing to the consecration of the new Cathedral—the construction of which was commenced in 1871, on the site where the old Cathedral stood before the earthquake of the 3rd June 1863, when the whole of Manila suffered more or less—and also owing to the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. The ceremonies of consecration were performed by the Archbishop of Manila, assisted by the Bishop of Jaro and Bishop of Tongkin; there were illuminations at night on the 8th, when several bands of music were kept playing in front of the church to the immense gratification of the large concourse.

A *Gaceta Extraordinaria* was issued on the 4th Dec., containing an appeal, from the Governor-General to the inhabitants of the Philippines, for assistance to the sufferers by the flood in Spain. A meeting having been convened on the previous night in the Governor's residence, of the principal merchants for the same purpose, the substantial sum of \$3,525 was raised on the spot. Subscriptions are invited, and lists are open in the three daily newspaper offices and in the Treasury. Charitable entertainments of every kind are being given to increase the sum already collected. Another meeting took place on the morning of the 9th, at the residence of the Governor-General, composed of the principal authorities, the managers of the Foreign Banks, and the representative of the firm of Laming and Co., for the purpose of collecting and immediately remitting the sum in aid of the sufferers by the flood at Madrid, Alicante and Almeria. They re-

solved unanimously to send immediately the \$15,000, already collected, by telegraphic transfer, and the managers of the Banks present were requested to transmit the sum to Spain, which duty they very kindly consented to discharge without discount or commission in the transmission, and the President thanked them in the name of the meeting and of the poor sufferers for this favour. A telegram was then drawn to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, announcing to him that the branches of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, will place \$15,000 in his hands for the disposal of the relief Committee in aid of the sufferers by the flood. The *Emeralda* left to-day (10th) with the telegraphic orders.

Another *Gaceta Extraordinaria* was issued on the 5th Dec., at noon, announcing the royal marriage of King Alfonso with H.I.H. the Archduchess of Austria, Maria Christina, which took place on the 29th Nov. last.

A silver lamp, costing \$3,000, was presented by a few residents of Manila to the new Cathedral.

The steamer *Churruar*, on her voyage from Iloilo to Zamboanga on the 24th ult., saw the schooner *Luz* ashore on the island of Mindoro abandoned, no doubt owing to the severity of the late storm.

The *Emeralda* arrived from Hongkong on the 5th Dec. with \$137,268 in silver. The performances given by the troupe of English acrobats recently arrived at Manila are very highly spoken of by the local press; the troupe is known as the Gregory Company, and among them is a French tenor named Anthony.

The value of dutiable articles exported from Manila during the month of November last amounted to \$843,996 against \$425,514 same time last year.

During the first fortnight of Nov. were imported into these islands \$227,624 in Spanish silver coins, and \$27,425 in silver bar; exported during the same period, \$3,250 in Spanish gold coins, and \$1,950 of gold in bullion.

The first entertainment in aid of the sufferers by the flood in Spain was given on the 10th instant, by the Gregory troupe, in the Tondo Theatre, when there was a full house.

We understand that the Manila-Cagayan Mail Steamship Company have purchased in China the new steamer *Romulus*, which will arrive in eight or ten days.

The sum collected at the Manila Customs during November last amounts to \$63,241.82, against \$105,635.15 same time last year.

The *Comercio* of the 11th instant says that it is not without foundation that uneasiness is felt with regard to the safety of the gunboat *Marisela*, which, according to the semaphore of Santiago, was seen passing on the 16th ult. at 3 p.m. bound South. The news we gave yesterday that a steamer was lost off Camotes island, which some one took for a canard, is a fact, and considering the source from which we obtained the news, it cannot be otherwise. We hear to-day that the *Marisela* left Puerto Galera on the 19th, at 3.30 p.m. after coating, and was seen to pass Calapan in the latter part of the afternoon. Now as the loss seems to be a fact, we can at least sincerely hope that the whole of the crew are saved.

#### China.

(N. C. D. News.)

The second prize given by the Chinese Tract Society for the best tract in favor of the Christian religion was awarded to *Lou Yeh-cho*, a young man now twenty-six years of age. He was educated in the Baptist Boarding School in Tungehoo, and is a member of Dr. Crawford's Church.

We understand that the barque *Chinaman*, which it will be remembered was in collision with the C. M. S. N. Co.'s str. *Kiangtien* last Saturday afternoon, was expected to go into dock yesterday. The injuries sustained by the steamer have been found to be more extensive than they were thought to be at the time. The question as to who is to pay for the damage done, will, we understand, be submitted to the Assistant Judge for arbitration, which is to be conducted on the principles of British maritime law.

#### Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 16.

OPUM.—New Xawne, cash... \$567  
" Old " cash... 585  
" New Bunas, cash, 517  
" Old " cash... 585  
" New Malwa, credit, 700  
" Allowance Taels...  
" Old Malwa, credit, 750  
" Allowance Taels...  
Exchange

Bank, Wire... 3/8  
" Demand... 3/8  
" 30 days sight... 3/8  
" 4 months sight... 3/10  
Credits, 4 " 3/10  
Documentary, 4 months sight, 3/10  
India, Wire... 224  
" demand... 224  
Shanghai, demand... 784  
" 80 days sight... 744  
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 fine... 27.25  
Sovereigns... 5.27.

#### Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 57 1/2 prem. sellers.  
Union Ins. Society of O'ron, \$1,340, buyers.  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,325, sales.  
North China Ins. Co., \$1,125, buyers.  
Yantai Ins. Assoc., \$1,780, sales.  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$310, sellers.  
H. K. Fire Ins. Co., \$320, sales.  
H. K. & W. Dock Co., 10 1/2 nominal, prem.  
H. K. & W. S.-boat Co., \$19 prem. sellers.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$11  
China Coast S. Nav. Co., \$14.100  
Hongkong Gas Co., \$46.  
China Sugar Refining Co., \$157, sales.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal.  
Do. of 1877, do.

#### Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, December 16.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.300  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.226  
Do. 4 P.M.



## Mails.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES.

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, COLOMBO, MAHE, ST.  
DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th December, 1879, at 3 p.m., the Company's S. S. *OXUS*, Commandant RAPAT, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 23rd December, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, December 16, 1879. de24

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th December, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., the 23rd December. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 20, 1879. de24

THE S. S. *TAKASAGO MARU*, Capt. Young, due here on or about the 22nd instant, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Dec., at Daylight.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 6 p.m. of 26th Dec. No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

## RATES OF PASSAGE.

To Yokohama.....Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15.

"Yokohama & Do. \$75. Do. \$20.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN PASSAGES.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office, No. 6, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. de27

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *GALICIA* will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, January 14th, 1880, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 13th January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. ja18

## Mails.



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship *THIBET*, Captain P. H. TORBOCK, will leave this on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, at 11 p.m.

For further Particulars, apply to A. MOLLER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879. de18

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr C. BRAUN in our Firm, CEASED on the 23rd September A.C. Mr C. STIEBEL is authorized to SIGN our Firm.

REISS & Co.,

Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Hongkong, October 3, 1879. ja3

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATEINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

ALL GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. 3s80

## Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *ANADYR*.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gange*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before TO-MORROW (Friday), the 12th inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 11, 1879. de18

## CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM LONDON, SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

THE Steamship *Gordon Castle*, WARRIO, Commander, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that the Goods are being landed, at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned at Wanchai, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 a.m. TO-MORROW.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 19th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1879. de19

BRITISH SHIP BELTED WILL, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de19

## Intimations.

## HONGKONG WHARF &amp; GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire GODOWNS to be let.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. ja4

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

## NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

## COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. B. SPRATT & Co. have lately added an Extensive MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.

The DIMENSIONS of the DOCK are:—460 Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft. Office, 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, October 4, 1879. 4s80

## TO LET.

THE BASEMENT of HOUSE, No. 4, Praya East, MARINE LOT No. 65 (formerly known as the "Blue Houses"), with possession on 1st January, proximo.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. ja1

"ROSE VILLAS"—EAST.

SIX ROOMS, upon BONHAM and ROBINSON ROADS. GAS, WATER, FLOWER and VEGETABLE GARDEN, STABLE and TENNIS LAWNS.

Apply to SHARP & DANBY,

No. 6, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

## TO LET.

A FIRST-CLASS STONE FLOORED GODOWN, situated upon MARINE LOT 10. Possession from 1st December next. Also, the TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, now in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL. Possession from 1st December.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

## STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE in GODOWNS in PEDDAR'S WHARF BUILDINGS, at Moderate Terms.

Apply to G. R. LAMBERT.

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INSURANCES against FIRE granted at Current Rates. Considerable Reduction in Premia for LIFE Insurance in China.

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CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000

PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 208,370

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATION, 25th April, 1879.....Tls. 856,370

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879. 10s80

## Insurances.

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## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premia.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## Insurances.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

## (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE, INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

## Insurances.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

## ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £ 100,000 Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 Annual Income \$ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

## ESTABLISHED 1809.

## CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Albay	5 b	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Dec. 14	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Tamsui, &c.	18th, daylight
Bombay	2 b	.....	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	.....	.....
City of Peking	5 c	Berry	Amer. str.	5079	Dec. 15	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & S. F. elco	24th inst.
Crusader	5 d	Rowin	Brit. str.	647	Dec. 10	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	24th inst.
Diamante	5 h	Theband	Brit. str.	514	Dec. 16	Russell & Co.	Amoy	Tug Plying
Fame	5 h	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	.....	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	.....	.....
Feroria	5 c	Shultz	Ger. str.	1115	Dec. 11	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Gordon Castle	7 h	Waring	Brit. str.	1300	Dec. 12	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Yokohama	Cost'an Do
Malacca	5 c	Woodgate	Brit. str.	1709	Dec. 3	P. & O. S. N. Co.	.....	.....
Norna	5	Love	Brit. str.	606	May 31	Kwok Acheong	New York	.....
Scindia	5	Windham	Brit. str.	1423	Dec. 14	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
Sea Gull	8 k	Haydon	Amer. str.	48	Mar. 23	China Traders' Insurance Co.	.....	.....
Somerset	3	Darke	Brit. str.	1000	Dec. 12	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	27th inst.
Sunda	2	Reeves	Brit. str.	1029	Dec. 15	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Thibet	5 c	Torbock	Brit. str.	1671	Dec. 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	Sands' Slip
Tung Ting	.....	Degen	Chi. str.	314	Dec. 13	M. S. N. Co.	.....	.....
Zamboanga	4 c	Araguren	Span. str.	651	Dec. 15	Remedios & Co.	.....	.....
Sailing Vessels								
Alice Reed	8 c	Killeran	Amer. bge.	873	Dec. 6	Melchers & Co.	.....	.....
Amy Turner	2 k	Newell	Amer. bge.	991	Dec. 8	Russell & Co.	Hamburg	.....
August	4 c	Ria	Ger. bge.	296	Nov. 11	Vogel & Co.	Manila	Wanchai P
Aurorita	.....	Thompson	Dan. bge.	570	Dec. 8	Wieler & Co.	.....	.....
Bolted Will	5 c	Farrell	Brit. bge.	786	Nov. 28	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	.....	.....
Bonita	4 k	Steir	Ger. Sm. sc.	341	Oct. 29	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Hamburg	.....
Bonito	4 c	Wisenberg	Ger. bge.	524	Dec. 12	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
Brema	8 k	Timpe	Ger. bge.	396	Nov. 29	Wieler & Co.	Baughok	.....
Ceres	2 c	McWilliam	Brit. bge.	454	Dec. 8	Captain	.....	.....
Chamron Kamrye	2 b	Stolz	Siam. bge.	480	Dec. 15	Yuen Fat Hong	.....	For Sale
Chocola	4 k	Kennett	Brit. bge.	284	July 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.	.....	.....
Claro Babuyan	4 c	Polson	Brit. bge.	358	Nov. 29	Vogel & Co.	London	Cost'an Do
Ebenezer	.....	Milne	Brit. bktine.	317	Dec. 12	Melchers & Co.	London	.....
Echo	4 c	Tozor	Brit. bge.	369	Nov. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	.....
Elizabeth Childs	3 c	Lindbergh	Brit. bge.	391	Nov. 9	Vogel & Co.	London	.....
Emerald Isle	4 c	Staples	Amer. sh.	1696	Oct. 20	Vogel & Co.	New York	.....
Emil Julius	2 c	Jurgensen	Ger. bge.	501	Dec. 11	Melchers & Co.	.....	.....
Empire	7 k	Leckie	Amer. sh.	1131	Dec. 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	For Sale
Ernest	4 k	Hervé	Fchi. bge.	590	Oct. 13	Landstein & Co.	.....	.....
Faugh Balough	3 c	Rüte	Ger. bge.	240	Nov. 15	Carlowitz & Co.	.....	.....
Flensborg	4 k	Jacobson	Dan. bge.	365	Nov. 9	Vogel & Co.	London	.....
Friedrich	3 c	Petersen	Ger. Sm. sc.	294	Nov. 28	Wieler & Co.	Saigon	.....
F. Perthes	5 c	Walter	Ger. bge.	446	Nov. 29	Siemssen & Co.	Europe	.....
Goliah	2 c	Dentzau	Siam. bge.	542	Nov. 23	Wo Tye Hong	.....	.....
Harmonie	5 k	Schiphorst	Ger. sch.	241	Nov. 26	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	.....
Haydn Brown	7 c	Havener	Amer. bge.	865	Dec. 11	Melchers & Co.	.....	.....
Hazel Holme	3 k	Millican	Brit. bge.	405	Oct. 20	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Hieronymus	2 k	Ipland	Ger. bge.	425	Nov. 24	Russell & Co.	Manila	.....
Highlander	4 k	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Hiram Emery	7 c	Wyman	Amer. bge.	795	Nov. 17	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	.....
Hongkong	4 c	Uom	Ger. Sm. sc.	219	Dec. 18	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	.....
Iphigenia	2 c	Green	Ger. bge.	468	Nov. 11	Russell & Co.	New York	.....
Jessie McDonald	2 c	Stott	Brit. bktine.	275	Dec. 7	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	.....
Joachim Christian	7 c	Ricklefs	Ger. bge.	685	Dec. 9	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
John Nicholson	7 c	Campbell	Brit. sh.	638	Dec. 5	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	.....	.....
Laurel	8 k	Johnson	Brit. bge.	1191	Dec. 12	Borneo Co., Limited	.....	.....
Middlesex	7 c	Ambrose	Brit. bge.	637	Nov. 80	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....	.....
Moses B. Tower	8 c	Hall	Amer. bktine.	379	Dec. 12	Russell & Co.	New York	Cleared
Oberon	2 c	Schmidt	Ger. bge.	299	Nov. 12	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	.....
Palma	4 c	Buge	Ger. bge.	583	Nov. 17	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	.....
Pampero	8 c	McKenzie	Brit. bge.	585	Nov. 30	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Manila	.....
Yther Brahe	7 c	Jocksson	Russ. sch.	1166	Nov. 28	Order	Philippines	.....
Primus	4 c	Bargman	Brit. bge.	590	Oct. 31	Vogel & Co.	London	.....
Queen of India	5 k	Carv	Brit. bge.	290	Dec. 11	Turner & Co.	.....	.....
Roderick Hay	7 c	Nicolson	Amer. bge.	884	Nov. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	.....
Saml. D. Carleton	4 c	Freeman	Amer. bge.	209	Dec. 2	Carlowitz & Co.	Hamburg	.....
Sophia	7 b	Bang	Amer. sh.	1129	Oct. 15	Captain	.....	.....
Southern Cross	3 k	Gibbe	Amer. sch.	81	Aug. 27	H. Ray	.....	.....
Spartan	3 k	Vincent	Amer. sch.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Sumatra	2 k	Clough	Amer. sh.	460	Nov. 26	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
Thoon Kramon	2 b	Vorrath	Siam. bge.	367	Nov. 14	E-Tye Hong	.....	.....
Three Brothers	8 c	Khaloke	Brit. bge.	968	Nov. 80	Melchers & Co.	Manila	.....
Undine	3 k	Kruse	Dutch bge.	417	Nov. 15	Siemssen & Co.	Saigon	.....
Vesta	4 k	Ruige	Brit. bge.	456	Nov. 28	Vogel & Co.	London	.....
Winlow	2 b	Barker	Amer. sh.	1956	Nov. 27	Order	Philippines	.....
Yorktown	.....	Murphy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WHAMPOA								
Fantaisie	.....	Cooper	Brit. bge.	693	Dec. 15	Captain	.....	.....
Hoehing	.....	Peterson	Chi. str.	849	Dec. 15	C. M. S. N. Co.	.....	.....
Mao Polo	.....	Breckwoldt	Ger. bge.	358	Dec. 11	Carlowitz & Co.	Bamburg	.....
Malvina	.....	Kluge	Ger. bge.	480	Nov. 12	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	.....
Poibo	.....	Seekamp	Ger. bge.	433	Dec. 5	Siemssen & Co.	Hamburg	.....
R. M. Hayward	.....	Doane	Amer. bktine.	605	Dec. 4	Russell & Co.	New York	.....
CANTON								
Amoy	.....	Drewes	Brit. str.	814	Dec. 14	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	.....
Romulus	.....	Wait	Brit. str.	437	Dec. 14	Captain	.....	.....